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## SACRAMENTO UPDATE

### Executive Summary

This memorandum contains a report on Governor Brown's action on the following 12 County-advocacy measures.

- **County-Advocacy Legislation Signed by the Governor**
  - **County-supported AB 13 (Conway)** – related to eligibility to in-State tuition for qualified recently discharged veterans, was signed by the Governor on September 27, 2014.
  - **County-supported AB 935 (Frazier)** – related to veterans designation on California drivers' licenses, was signed by the Governor on September 27, 2014.
  - **County-supported AB 966 (Bonta)** – related to the availability of condoms in State prisons, was signed by the Governor on September 26, 2014.
  - **County-opposed AB 1175 (Bocanegra)** – related to agricultural inspector services, was signed by the Governor on September 26, 2014.
  - **County-supported AB 1596 (Garcia)** – related to Vote-by-Mail applications, was signed by the Governor on September 26, 2014.

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- **County-supported AB 1614 (Stone)** – related to the CalWORKs Program Electronic Benefits Transfer system, was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2014.
- **County-opposed AB 2124 (Lowenthal)** – related to the deferred sentencing pilot in Los Angeles County, was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2014.
- **County-supported AB 2231 (Gordon, Levine, Patterson)** – related to the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Program, was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2014.
- **County-supported SB 912 (Mitchell)** – related to food and beverage options in vending machines operated and maintained on State property, was signed by the Governor on September 25, 2014.
- **County-Advocacy Legislation Vetoed by the Governor**
  - **County-opposed AB 194 (Campos)** – related to the Brown Act, was vetoed by the Governor on September 27, 2014.
  - **County-supported AB 2150 (Rendon)** – related to deferred State park maintenance projects, was vetoed by the Governor on September 26, 2014.
  - **County-supported AB 2328 (Perez)** – related to the California AmeriCorps Program, was vetoed by the Governor on September 25, 2014.

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### **County-Advocacy Legislation Signed by Governor Brown**

**County-supported AB 13 (Conway)**, which as amended on August 29, 2014, is an urgency measure which allows recently discharged members of the armed services who were stationed in California for more than one year prior to discharge, and their eligible dependents, to qualify for in-State tuition rates at any California Community College, California State University, or University of California, was signed by the Governor on September 27, 2014. This measure becomes effective immediately.

**County-supported AB 935 (Frazier)**, which as amended on August 21, 2014, allows an applicant for a California driver's license or identification card to request that the driver's license or identification card be printed with the word "VETERAN" subject to

verification of the applicant's veteran status, was signed by the Governor on September 27, 2014. This measure becomes effective November 11, 2015.

**County-supported AB 966 (Bonta)**, which as amended on January 6, 2014, requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop a five-year plan to extend the availability of condoms in all California prisons, was signed by the Governor on September 26, 2014. This measure becomes effective January 1, 2015.

**County-opposed AB 1175 (Bocanegra)**, which as amended on August 18, 2014, prohibits the California Department of Food and Agriculture from entering into cooperative agreements with Los Angeles County for agricultural inspection services unless not less than 75 percent of agricultural inspector associates are granted permanent County civil service status, was signed by the Governor on September 27, 2014. This measure becomes effective January 1, 2015.

**County-supported AB 1596 (Garcia)**, which as introduced on February 4, 2014, requires that Vote-by-Mail applications specify that the only appropriate destination to mail back applications is the county registrar's office, was signed by the Governor on September 26, 2014. This measure becomes effective January 1, 2015.

**County-supported AB 1614 (Stone)**, which as amended on August 22, 2014, requires counties to inform recipients of the CalWORKs Program of various information provided by the California Department of Social Services, including the methods of electronic delivery of benefits available and the applicable charges, fees, or surcharges associated with the Electronic Benefits Transfer system, and how to withdraw benefits without incurring these, among other provisions, was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2014. This measure becomes effective January 1, 2015.

**County-opposed AB 2124 (Lowenthal)**, which as amended on August 22, 2014, establishes a pilot program in Los Angeles County to authorize a superior court judge to defer sentencing for a first-time misdemeanor defendant, with certain exceptions, for up to 12 months. Under this measure, the judge may order the defendant to comply with appropriate terms, conditions, or programs, which upon completion, would allow the judge to strike the defendant's plea and dismiss the action against the defendant, was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2014. This measure becomes effective January 1, 2015.

AB 2124 is substantially similar to AB 994 (Lowenthal) of 2013, which would have authorized the prosecuting attorney or the Superior Court to offer diversion for first time misdemeanor defendants. This measure was vetoed by the Governor on October 13, 2013. In his veto message, the Governor noted that, under current law, counties can

establish diversion programs and that many counties already have excellent diversion programs that suit their local circumstances. The Governor further noted that prosecutors and counties are best situated to decide whether, or what kind of, a diversion program would be appropriate.

**County-supported AB 2231 (Gordon, Levine, Patterson)**, which as amended on August 21, 2014: 1) reinstates the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement (PTP) Program to provide for deferment of property taxes for qualified seniors and disabled persons; 2) establishes the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens PTP Fund (Fund) to pay the administrative costs and disbursements related to the postponement of property taxes for eligible applicants; 3) requires PTP loan payments and funds resulting from the voluntary sale of a property that has a lien to be deposited directly into the Fund; and 4) requires the State Controller to provide county tax collectors with information required to prepare for and enforce the sale of tax-defaulted property, subject to the request of county tax collectors and their certification under penalty of perjury that the information is being requested for this specific purpose, was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2014. This measure becomes effective July 1, 2015.

**County-supported SB 912 (Mitchell)**, which as amended on April 21, 2014, makes permanent provisions in current State law which require operators of vending machines located on State property to provide food and beverage options to meet acceptable nutritional guidelines, was signed by the Governor on September 25, 2014. This measure is Chapter 571, Statutes of 2014, and becomes effective January 1, 2016.

#### **County-Advocacy Legislation Vetoed by Governor Brown**

**County-opposed AB 194 (Campos)**, which as amended on August 20, 2014, would amend the Brown Act to forbid the legislative body of a local agency at their public meetings from prohibiting or limiting comment by a member of the public wishing to speak before the legislative body's consideration of an item, as well as during consideration, including comment by those that fail to provide advance notice of comment, was vetoed by the Governor on September 27, 2014.

In his veto message, the Governor indicated that this measure would have added procedures to the Brown Act that at best would elongate but in no way enhance the quality of debate at the local level.

**County-supported AB 2150 (Rendon)**, which as amended on August 19, 2014, would require the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) to: 1) identify and develop a priority list of deferred State park maintenance projects; 2) apply specified factors when prioritizing and identifying deferred State park maintenance projects; and

3) extend the prohibition against closing or proposing to close a State park through FY 2014-15, was vetoed by the Governor on September 26, 2014.

In his veto message, the Governor noted that it would be prudent to allow CDPR to develop an overall strategic plan before requiring the specific activities called for in this measure.

**County-supported AB 2328 (Pérez)**, which as amended on August 19, 2104, would have established the California AmeriCorps Program to administer Federal AmeriCorps Program grants to recruit, train, and place volunteers in community settings and to provide student loan assistance for the volunteers, was vetoed by the Governor on September 25, 2014.

In his veto message, the Governor noted that California has existing programs that couple volunteer service with educational opportunities and he encouraged the Legislature to work through these programs to strengthen partnerships between volunteers and local governments.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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